

APPENDIX A
(Clean Copy of Amended Claim)

1. (Four Times Amended) A method for producing an embossing plate having a surface with at least one depression in the form of a line brought into the surface of the embossing plate, characterized in that the line defines a limited partial area of the surface, an edge of the partial area defining a contour, wherein the method comprises the step of determining a tool track located within the contour ^{LVS} from the desired contour and from a predetermined desired depth of the depression, ^{LVS} the engraving tool being controlled along said track such that a material of said partial area is removed within the contour at the predetermined desired depth, said track being continuous along the contour of the area.